GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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Eradication of Polio
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the World Health Organisation (WHO) has removed India out of the list of polio endemic countries;

(b) the number of polio cases surfaced during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has reviewed the pulse polio programme in view of the said cases coming to light;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to check new polio cases in the country along with the funds allocated for the same?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a): Yes, World Health Organisation (WHO) has removed India out of list of polio endemic countries on 24th February, 2012.

(b): No wild poliovirus case has been reported in the last three years and in the current year from any States and Union Territories (UTs).
(c) & (d): In view of the above, the question does not arise.
(e) Following steps are being taken by Government to check new polio cases in the country:

â€¢ Two rounds of high quality National Immunization Day (Pulse Polio) is being conducted each year and Two rounds of Sub national immunization (SNID) rounds being implemented in high risk areas of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Delhi Haryana, Punjab, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Jharkhand, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Chandigarh and West Bengal.
â€¢ More than 100 vaccination posts are functioning along the international borders of India with Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Myanmar and Bhutan to administer oral polio vaccine drops throughout the year to all children below five years entering India. India has also made polio vaccination a mandatory requirement for travellers coming from and going to 8 countries.
â€¢ Certification standard surveillance for acute flaccid paralysis is in place to detect importation or emergence of polio case.
â€¢ Environmental surveillance through testing of sewage samples for polio is functioning strategically at Mumbai, Delhi, Bihar, West Bengal, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Lucknow and Punjab.

Under the Pulse Polio Immunization programme, Rs 781 crore have been allocated for the year 2016-17.